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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action
mailed on July 6, 2001. Please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at Page 8, Line 29 and
ending at Page 10, Line 5 with the following:

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The stiction force 114 of the slider 110, 112 relative
to the disc surface was measured for each rotation direction. As
shown, the stiction 114-1 for slider 110 in the forward rotation
direction was significantly less than the stiction 114-2 measured
in the backward rotation direction. Similarly, the stiction force
114-3 for slider 112 in the forward direction was significantly
less than the stiction force 114-4 measured in the backward
rotation direction. The large discrepancy in stiction is
attributed to an increase meniscus 106 introduced by the slider
tipping as illustrated in FIG. 5 when the slider was subjected to
a backward rotation direction of the disc prior to stiction
measurement so that the friction force drives the slider towards
tipping.

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